



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/712,623	11/13/2003	Sandra Lynn True	LUTZ 2 00236	2152
48116	7590	08/27/2009	EXAMINER	
FAY SHARPE/LUCENT 1228 Euclid Avenue, 5th Floor The Halle Building Cleveland, OH 44115-1843			DESIR, PIERRE LOUIS	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			2617	
			MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
			08/27/2009	PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Office Action Summary

Application No. 10/712,623	Applicant(s) TRUE ET AL.	
Examiner PIERRE-LOUIS DESIR	Art Unit 2617	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 May 2009.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,5,7,8,14,15,17 and 21-31 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,5,7,8,14,15,17 and 21-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 21-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 28 is objected to because of the following informalities: "stored indicated" should be "stored indicator". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 5, 7, 14-15, 17, 21-25, 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. (Wang), US 20050018833 A1 in view of Infosino, US 6738467 B1 and Montgomery et al. (Montgomery), US 6798868 B1.

Regarding claims 1 and 17, Wang discloses a method and system comprising a wireless communications network determining that the called party terminal line is busy (i.e., the telephone network determines whether the direct number of the call destination is busy) (see paragraph 55);

the wireless communications network starting a called party call pickup timer (i.e., when the direct number of the call destination is busy, the process is directed to

Art Unit: 2617

generating and delivering a call notification, wherein the call notification is generated and delivered when the call to the direct number of the call destination phone is not answered after a predetermined number of rings (i.e., called party pickup timer) (see paragraph 54); the wireless communications network determining that the called party terminal has call waiting (i.e., determines whether the direct number of the call destination phone is registered for the call waiting service) (see paragraph 56); the wireless communications network prompting the calling party to leave a message for the called party (i.e., the call may be forwarded to a voice mail system wherein an audio message (i.e., prompt) that corresponds to the voicemail option will be sent to the caller) (see paragraph 11).

Although Wang discloses a method and system as described, Wang does not specifically disclose a method and system comprising the wireless communications network determining that the calling party has subscribed to a message delivery feature; the wireless communications network delivering a "call waiting no answer" message to the calling party terminal notifying the calling party that the called party has call waiting after the call pickup timer expires; the wireless communications network storing the message from the calling party on the wireless communications network; the wireless communications network determining that an undelivered message awaits the called party after the called party terminal's line is no longer busy; and the wireless communications network delivering the message from the calling party to the called party terminal when the called party terminal's line is no longer busy.

However, Infosino discloses a method and system wherein an announcement may indicate to a caller that the line for the called party is currently busy and the caller may either press "1" to send a call-waiting alert signal to the called party, or may press "2" to

Art Unit: 2617

record a message that will be delivered to the called party as soon as the called party's line becomes available. Such an announcement, hereinafter called a "call-waiting announcement" may be a generic announcement that is delivered to all callers in waiting attempting to reach any call waiting subscriber (i.e., call waiting no answer and message prompt to leave a message) (see col. 3, line 61-col. 4, line 15, col. 5, lines 32-41).

Infosino also discloses a storage area that contains voice mailboxes that store recorded messages for call waiting subscribers (see col. 4, lines 25-30, and col. 5, lines 32-41).

Infosino also discloses that if it is determined that the line remains seized throughout the message recording process, communication switch 105 continues to monitor the line after the message recording process is terminated, communications switch 105 continues to monitor line until the line becomes available. Immediately after the line becomes available, communications switch 105 applies a ringing tone to the call waiting subscriber's telephone set while simultaneously sending a call processing message to voice information system 109 to trigger the delivery of the recorded message to the call waiting subscriber. The call processing message includes the call waiting subscriber's telephone number that is used by voice information system 109 to retrieve from storage area 107 the recorded message from the voice mail box associated with that telephone number (see col. 5, lines 32-61).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as disclosed by Infosino with the teachings of Wang to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to properly process a call in waiting and to improve the flow of communication, and to

Art Unit: 2617

assure the caller that the recorded message will be delivered to the call-waiting subscriber upon availability of the-waiting subscriber's line.

The combination of Wang with Infosino does not specifically disclose a wireless communication network determining that the calling has subscribed to a message delivery feature.

However, Montgomery discloses a wireless network wherein if one of terminal stations on a call corresponds to a service subscriber, the profile for the link to that station will indicate that the customer subscribes to call waiting service (see col. 13, lines 27-33).

Further, Montgomery discloses that in a network, routing typically is based on dialed digits information, profile information regarding the link or station used by the calling party and profile information regarding a line or station in some way associated with the dialed digits (see col. 13, lines 49-53).

Therefore, one skilled in the art would appreciate that a determination is made into whether the calling party is a subscriber to call waiting for the indication to be made.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to ensure the call is properly served.

Regarding claim 5, the combination of Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery discloses a method (see claim 1 rejection) further comprises storing the message from the calling party in the called party's voice mail (see Wang's paragraph 57 and Infosino's col. 4, lines 25-30, and col. 5, lines 32-41).

Art Unit: 2617

Regarding claims 7 and 25, the combination of Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery discloses a method and system (see claims 1 and 17 rejections) wherein the call pickup timer includes a predetermined number of rings (see Wang's paragraph 26).

Regarding claim 14, Wang discloses a method (see claim 1 rejection) wherein the called party is using a cellular terminal (see paragraph 32).

Regarding claim 15, the combination of Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery discloses a method (see claim 1 rejection) wherein the called party is using a wireline terminal (see Infosino's fig. 1).

Regarding claim 21, the combination of Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery discloses a method (see claim 1 rejection) wherein the step of the network determining that an undelivered message awaits the called party after the called party terminal's line is no longer busy includes using a called party inter-MSC on-hook message indicating that the called party terminal's line is no longer busy (see Infosino's col. 5, lines 39-61).

Regarding claim 22, the combination of Wang, Infosino, and montgomery discloses a method (see claim 1 rejection) wherein the step of delivering the message from the calling party to the called party terminal when the called party terminal's line is no longer busy includes ringing the called party terminal and delivering the stored message when the called party picks up (i.e., applying a ringing tone to the telephone) (see Infosino's col. 5, lines 39-61).

Regarding claim 23, the combination of Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery discloses a method (see claim 17 rejection) wherein the means for determining that an undelivered message awaits the called party after the called party terminal's line is no

Art Unit: 2617

longer busy uses a called party inter-MSO on-hook message indicating that the called party terminal's line is no longer busy (see Infosino's col. 5, lines 39-61).

Regarding claim 24, the combination of Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery discloses a method (see claim 17 rejection) wherein the means for delivering the message from the calling party to the called party terminal when the called party terminal line is no longer busy includes means for ringing the called party terminal and means for delivering the stored message when the called party picks up (i.e., applying a ringing tone to the telephone) (see Infosino's col. 5, lines 39-61).

Regarding claim 27, the combination of Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery discloses a method (see claim 1 rejection) wherein the calling party can subscribe to the "call waiting no answer" feature whether or not the calling party subscribes to call waiting---

---As disclosed above, Infosino discloses a method wherein an announcement may indicate to a caller that the line for the called party is currently busy and the caller may either press "1" to send a call-waiting alert signal to the called party, or may press "2" to record a message that will be delivered to the called party as soon as the called party's line becomes available. Such an announcement, hereinafter called a "call-waiting announcement" may be a generic announcement that is delivered to all callers in waiting attempting to reach any call waiting subscriber (i.e., call waiting no answer and message prompt to leave a message) (see Infosino's col. 3, line 61-col. 4, line 15, col. 5, lines 32-41). And, with the disclosure of Montgomery which describes both a caller and a called party may be subscriber to "call waiting service", one skilled in the art would appreciate that a calling party may subscribe to any services offer by a service provider, i.e., the

Art Unit: 2617

subscriber may register for one while not registering for the other services offered or may subscribe to multiple services.

4. Claims 8 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery, further in view of Malik, US 5974131 A.

The combination of Wang and Infosino discloses a method and system as described (see claims 1 and 17 rejections).

Although the combination discloses a method and system as described, the combination does not specifically disclose a method wherein the call pickup timer includes a predetermined time period.

However, Malik discloses a method and system wherein the call pickup timer includes a predetermined time period (i.e., If the incoming call is not answered within a predetermined time or a predetermined number of rings then, in step 211, the call is forwarded to the specified destination, along with a "no answer" status indication) (see col. 8, lines 8-34).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as disclosed by Malik with the teachings disclosed by Wang and Infosino to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to properly process a call in waiting and to improve the flow of communication.

Art Unit: 2617

5. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang, Infosino, and Montgomery, further in view of Wang et al. (Wang 2), US 20040047339 A1.

The combination discloses a method as described above (see claim 1 rejection).

The combination, however, does not specifically disclose a method wherein the wireless communications network determining that the calling party has subscribed to a message delivery feature comprises checking the calling party's subscriber profile for a stored indicator indicating that the calling party has enabled this feature.

Wang 2 discloses a method wherein a profile is contained within a service field with enabled or subscribed features/services being indicated with a "yes" and disabled or canceled with features/services being indicated with a "no." Call waiting, for example, is being indicated a enabled (see paragraphs 65 and 79).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to ensure the appropriate service is implemented by an end device.

6. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang, Infosino, Montgomery, and Wang 2, further in view of Cooper et al. (Cooper), US 20030143978 A1.

The combination discloses a method as described above (see claim 28 rejection).

Art Unit: 2617

Although the combination discloses a method as described, the combination does not specifically disclose a method wherein the calling party's subscriber profile is stored in a home location register of the wireless communication network.

However, Cooper discloses a method wherein a subscriber profile is stored in a home location register of a wireless communication network (see paragraphs 41 and 47).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to properly store pertinent subscriber's profile information.

7. Claims 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang, Infosino, Montgomery, in further view of Wang 2 and Cooper.

The combination discloses a system as described above (see claim 17 rejection).

Although the combination discloses a system as described, the combination does not specifically disclose a system further comprising a subscriber database storing an indicator indicating that the calling party has subscribed to the message delivery feature, wherein the means for determining that the calling party has subscribed to a message delivery feature includes a Mobile Switching Center checking the calling party's subscriber profile for the stored indicator, and wherein the calling party's subscriber profile is stored on a Home Location Register of the wireless communications network.

Wang 2 discloses a system wherein comprising a subscriber database storing an indicator indicating that the calling party has subscribed to the message delivery feature (see paragraphs 39-40, 47).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to ensure the appropriate service is implemented by an end device.

The combination of Wang, Infosino, Montgomery, and Wang 2 does specifically disclose a system wherein the means for determining that the calling party has subscribed to a message delivery feature includes a Mobile Switching Center checking the calling party's subscriber profile for the stored indicator, and wherein the calling party's subscriber profile is stored on a Home Location Register of the wireless communications network.

However, Cooper discloses a system comprising a Mobile Switching Center checking the calling party's subscriber profile for the stored indicator, and wherein the calling party's subscriber profile is stored on a Home Location Register of the wireless communications network (see paragraphs 41, 45, 46, 47).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings as described to arrive at the claimed invention. A motivation for doing so would have been to properly store pertinent subscriber's profile information.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See

Art Unit: 2617

MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PIERRE-LOUIS DESIR whose telephone number is (571)272-7799. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost can be reached on (571)272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Art Unit: 2617

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/PIERRE-LOUIS DESIR/
Examiner, Art Unit 2617

/Dwayne D. Bost/
Supervisory Patent Examiner,
Art Unit 2617